PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The allocation of rice, wheat, imported edible oil, levy sugar and kerosene made to Gujarat in 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 are as under:—

Allocation (in '000 tonnes)

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93 (Upto Dec., 92)
Rice	318.0	336.0	246.4
Wheat	810.0	879.6	580.0
Imported Edible Oil	87.85	6.10	4.20
Levy Sugar	199.21	265.69	157.90
Kerosene	782.48	777.81	572.70

Demands are received from many States/UT Administrations including Gujarat from time to time for increased allocation of essential commodities distributed through PDS. Allocation of PDS commodities are made on a month to month basis taking into account the demands made by various States/UTs including Gujarat, stock position in Central Pool, seasonal factors etc. Allocation of PDS commodities are supplemental in nature and are not intended to meet the entire demand of States/UTs.

Allocation of levy sugar is made generally on a uniform norm of 425 gms. per capita monthly availability to the projected population as on 1.10.1986. The normal allocation to Gujarat is 16194 tonnes per month. Besides, a 5% ad-hoc increase has been given by the Central Government from August, 1991 which for Gujarat is 810 tonnes per month. Allocation of 4878 tonnes is also made to the State Government for distribution to the consumers as festival quota.

(c) and (d) In consultation with the State Government, the Blocks covered by area specific programmes such as Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and the Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDP) have been identified for the Revamped PDS in Gujarat. The Central Issue Prices (CIP) of foodgrains made available to the State Government for distribution in the identified areas is Rs. 50 per quintal lower than the CIP at which such foodgrains are issued for normal PDS. The State Governments/UT Administrations were requested that the end retail price should not exceed 25 paise per kg. over the CIP of foodgrains made available to the State.

Extending Essential Commodities Act

3611. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have extended the Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Act, 1981 beyond 1st September, 1992;

(b) whether Government propose to include some additional services under the Act; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) An ordinance has been promulgated on 27.8.1992 to extend the validity of the Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Act, 1981 for a further period of five years w.e.f. 1.9.1992.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Laboratories of BIS

3612. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) laboratories are there in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh;